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Good Afternoon Chairman Coleman, Chairman Tong and esteemed Senators and Representatives and members of this committee,

I would like to demonstrate my **opposition of Raised Senate Bill 324.**

My name is Andrew Bloom. I have been a licensed surety bail bondsman for almost 20 years, bail enforcement agent, and one of the owners of 3-D Bail Bonds, Inc. which employs about 20 people. I am also one of the owners of DADs Bail Bonds, LLC which over the years has represented nearly 10,000 bail bonds written a year, a longtime member of The Professional Bail Agents of The United States, and a founding member, board member and Immediate Past President of the Bail Association of Connecticut.

In my career as a Bail Enforcement Agent and as president of the Fugitive Recovery Agency, Inc., I personally have nearly 1500 while supervising over 11,000 defendants arrested. Bail Bonds is the only form of pretrial release to self monitor and self enforce non-compliance. When the principal fails, no other form of pretrial release is held accountable or to the same standard as Bail Bonds.

While the Bail Association of Connecticut condemns acts of domestic violence, there is still a presumption of innocence and holding someone without bail for any period of time may constitute a breach of their Connecticut constitutional rights.

Constitution of the State of Connecticut:

SEC. 8. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall have a right ...; **to be released on bail upon sufficient security, except in capital offenses, where the proof is evident or the presumption great; ...**

I strongly oppose these changes.

Thank you,

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